

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1-5 and 8 were canceled. Claims 7, 9 and 10 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 6 and 11-12 remain pending in the application. These claims were allowed in the Official action mailed April 3, 2006. Accordingly, a formal allowance of claims 6 and 11-12 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite. Since these claims were canceled above, this rejection is now moot.

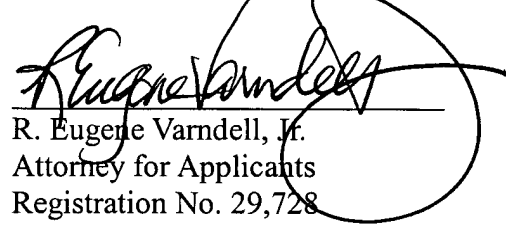
Claims 1-3 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over W0 97/48,782. Claims 1-5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jin *et al.* (Macromolecules, Vol. 28, No. 14, pp. 4785-4794). Claims 1-5 and 8 were canceled in the foregoing amendments. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that these prior art rejections are now moot.

In summary, claims 6 and 11-12, the only claims pending in the application, are free of prior art and were indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office action. Accordingly, a formal allowance of claims 6 and 11-12 is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Official action mailed April 3, 2006. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,  
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